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**REQUEST
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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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<i>Application Number</i>	09/914,994
<i>Filing Date</i>	September 5, 2001
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Mitsuaki Echigo
<i>Art Unit</i>	1754
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Ngoc-Yen M. Nguyen
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	388-011500

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If application does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Other Fee Transmittal for FY 2004

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees (deficiencies only), or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 23-0650

i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$790.00 enclosed for the RCE filing fee.

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Signature	<i>Julie W. Meder</i>	Date	10/20/2004

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2004. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT

(\$790.00)

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

Check Credit Card Money Order Other None

Deposit Account:

Deposit Account Number

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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity	Small Entity				
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	790	2001	395	Utility filing fee	
1002	350	2002	175	Design filing fee	
1003	550	2003	275	Plant filing fee	
1004	790	2004	395	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)					

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims		-20** = <input type="text"/> X <input type="text"/> = <input type="text"/>	
Independent Claims		-3** = <input type="text"/> X <input type="text"/> = <input type="text"/>	
Multiple Dependent			<input type="text"/> = <input type="text"/>

Large Entity	Small Entity				
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	88	2201	44	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	300	2203	150	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	88	2204	44	**Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)					

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)					
3. ADDITIONAL FEES					
Large Entity		Small Entity			
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	430	2252	215	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	980	2253	490	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,530	2254	765	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,080	2255	1,040	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	340	2401	170	Notice of Appeal	
1402	340	2402	170	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	300	2403	150	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,370	2453	685	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,370	2501	685	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	490	2502	245	Design issue fee	
1503	660	2503	330	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	790	2809	395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	790	2810	395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	790	2801	395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$790.00
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____					
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CARBON MONOXIDE
Group Art Unit : 1754 Confirmation No. : 7881
Examiner : Ngoc-Yen M. Nguyen Customer No. : 28289

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In further response to the Final Office Action of May 20, 2004, Applicants submit this Amendment and Request for Continued Examination (RCE). A Notice of Appeal was filed on August 20, 2004, and received on August 23, 2004. Therefore, this Amendment and accompanying RCE is timely submitted in lieu of an Appeal Brief.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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